

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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WEAK SIGNALS IN BORDER STATES
UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the existing network of Doordarshan/AIR stations in the border States, especially in North-Eastern States of the country;
- (b) whether people in these border States mainly view the programmes of neighbouring countries for news and entertainments as signals of our stations are too weak; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to beam strong signals in these border areas?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): At present, 27 radio stations of varying power and type including 16 radio stations in the North Eastern States are functioning in the border states of the country. 29 Studios and 638 Transmitters of varying power of Doordarshan including 10 Studios and 118 Transmitters in the North Eastern States are presently functioning in the border states of the country.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Strengthening of AIR and Doordarshan network in the border states is an ongoing process. For further expansion of Radio and Doordarshan coverage in the border states, 22 AIR projects and 7 Studios and 151 Transmitter projects of Doordarshan are presently under various stages of implementation. Apart from the above, a special J&K package to improve AIR and Doordarshan coverage in Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab etc. is under implementation and is targeted for completion by 2001-2002.